

To: Offerors
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Subject: **Answers to the Questions asked by different Offerors for Exterior Repair and Maintenance work at U.S. Embassy during and after pre-bid site walk held on July 26, 2022.**

- **In General Requirements it is mentioned that materials will be supplied based on the quantity estimated by the contractor on biweekly basis what does this clause mean?**

This means that materials are available at compound and contractor can pick the desired quantity as per their need per week.

- **Please Elaborate “The bottom of Building walls (wherever required) should be prepared with Pre-Cast Concrete (PCC) from the Edge of wall to 03” deep level, this PCC width will be 6 Inches. It is to be coated with Nippon Coalter Epoxy (3 coats) once fully cured.”**

Wherever required this slope is to be made at buildings and floor joints. Embassy will provide the materials.

- **Coats detaching: Embassy will provide Nippon Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) solution and it can be applied through brush, leaving it for around 30-45 minutes for cleaning and etching of surface followed by clean water wash to neutralize the surface. Who will finalize how much quantity is required?**

This liquid is required to wash only those areas from where loose paints will be removed to extract the salts. This is only washing activity.

- **Since this is specially developed product by Nippon and probably will not be available with other renowned brands. Does it mean we can only procure from Nippon and the same product as referenced in the RFQ? or if any other paint manufacturer agrees for same product, we can procure from them too?**

This is only labor based contractor. Contractor will not procure any paint.

- **What shall be testing parameters for inspection of new paint, as this is new product specially developed by Nipon we would like to have an SOP and testing criterion on which this shall be inspected e.g., DFT or any other method.**

This is commercial product, and its application details can be collected from supplier. COR will conduct the inspection as per US standards.

- **Will the State provide any assistance for work at a heightened place, or where it is inconvenient to install scaffolding? Like providing the jenny lift**

Embassy will not provide any assistance. Contractor will be responsible for providing elevated platform, scaffolding, Genie lift or scissor lift. All these machines must be according to US government safety standards.

- **120 Calendar days are too less for the said work. Can there be an increase in working days.**

150 days will be provided for performance including weekends.

- **Please elaborate the material provision schedule by the embassy, and what material will be provided by the embassy.**

Embassy will only provide paint materials. All tools, equipment's and machines required to perform the job will be provided by the contractor and its totally contractors responsibility.

- **Kindly clear if paint is to be removed from the entire building or only from the crumbling panels?**

Only from the selected panels of walls where loose paint or damaged surface is found.

- **Kindly elaborate the approved procedure for window glass protection during paint work.**

All glass windows and windows frames including windows grills, doors, accessories must be protected from paint spots as clearly stated in the SOW. if any paint spot found during paint work contractor must clean those.

- **There is some equipment on the wall, will they be removed by the state during work, or will the contractor have to cover/remove them?**

Contractor will remove/detach any such equipment; however, embassy will provide technical assistance.